

REMARKS

Claims 35-66 were pending.

Claims 35-66 were subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 37-39 were elected with traverse.

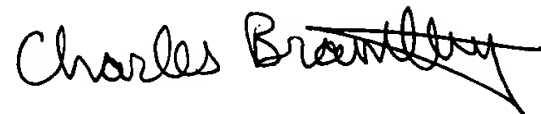
Claims 35-36 and 40-66 are cancelled.

The latest restriction requirement indicates the Examiner's belief that Applicants elected all of claims 35-66. (*See* Office Action dated 12/31/03 at p. 2, ¶2.) Applicants alert the Examiner that Applicants elected claims 37-39 with traverse. (*See* Election transmitted 10/3/03.) To further clarify the election, Applicants have cancelled claims 35-36 and 40-66.

The Examiner identified claims 37-39 as "Group II" claims "drawn to an atmosphere for a CVD process, classified in class 118, subclass 719." (Office Action dated 09/10/03 at p. 2.) Applicants understand the Examiner to have required a species restriction only "for Method Embodiments . . . [i]f applicant elects group I or group IV." (*Id.* at p. 3. (emphasis in original).) As a result, Applicants contend that the election of the group II non-method claims is responsive and complete.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all of the pending claims. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,



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